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March 20, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HACIENDA IRRIGATION AND PLANTING RENOVATION PROJECT
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
HACIENDA ZONE 34
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
4 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the enclosed appropriation adjustment to provide additional appropriation in the amount of \$66,000 for the Hacienda Zone 34, Landscaping and Lighting Act District 2 (LLAD 2) project, fully offset by unanticipated revenue.

3. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for the Hacienda Irrigation and Planting Renovation Project, in the vicinity of Hacienda Heights (4), at an estimated cost between \$150,000 and \$175,000.
4. Call for bids to be received on April 29, 2003.
5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves contracting for the planting of trees, shrubs, and groundcover and the installation of an automatic remote controlled irrigation system.

The proposed project will replace an antiquated, noncentralized overhead irrigation system with a new state-of-the-art, centrally controlled subsurface irrigation system within frontage medians along portions of Hacienda Boulevard and La Monde Drive, as well as median islands along portions of Avalo Street and Los Altos Drive in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. Additionally, existing turf and shrubs will be replaced with a low-maintenance drought-resistant shrub and groundcover plantings.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 of Service Excellence since it will provide improved landscaped medians and improve the efficiency of landscape maintenance operation thereby conserving water.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction cost, without contingency, is in the range of \$150,000 to \$175,000 and will be funded by Hacienda Zone 34, LLAD 2.

Sufficient appropriation will be available in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Hacienda Zone 34, LLAD 2 budget (Fund Org. 52950, Fund P59) to implement this project upon your Board's approval of the appropriation adjustment (see enclosed). This appropriation adjustment will be financed with unanticipated revenue associated with the repayment of water expenses to Hacienda Zone 34, LLAD 2, approved by the Board on October 8, 2002. The appropriation will provide sufficient funds for this project as well as the operation and maintenance of the existing medians, including adequate operating reserves. This project is expected to reduce water consumption and thereby reduce Hacienda Zone 34's maintenance costs.

Operating Budget Impact

There will be no impact to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to section(s) 15301(h) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA and Class 1, Subsections (j), (s), (x, 9, 10, and 13), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions 1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, 2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, and 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award. Following receipt of bids, we will return to your Board for construction contract award.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The project is to be completed in 40 working days with a 60 day maintenance period to begin upon completion of the planting and irrigation installation. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in August 2003. Local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Parks and Recreation and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

TIM GALLAGHER
Director of Parks and Recreation

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

HACIENDA IRRIGATION AND PLANTING RENOVATION
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20392 of the Public Contract Code:

Publish: At least ten consecutive times, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two consecutive times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the planting of trees, shrubs, and groundcover and the installation of an automatic remote controlled irrigation system under Project ID No. AED0000002, Hacienda Irrigation and Planting Renovation, in the vicinity of Hacienda Heights.

The Schedule of Prices in the Bid Proposal consists of a base Bid and an additive alternate. Prices shall be submitted for the base Bid and the additive alternate. Failure to submit all prices will result in the Bid being considered nonresponsive. The basis of award of the Contract will be the base Bid.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, west side of main lobby, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$150,000 and \$175,000 and shall be completed in 40 working days. The Work requires a California Class C27 contractor-s license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Ms. Sumitha Shival at (626) 458-3159.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$25, including postage and handling if mailed, at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the three forms included as part of the Proposal.

Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated April 1, 2003.

Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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